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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS HEAD OF SYRIAN INTERESTS SECTION

1. MR. SABA KABBANI, HEAD OF SYRIAN INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON, CALLED ON ME TODAY, FEB. 5, TO INFORM ME THAT HE PLANS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FEB. 8 FROM PARIS. HE EXPECTS STAY TWO OR THREE DAYS IN NEW YORK AND WILL BE CALLING DAVID KORN OR EDWARD DJERIJIAN IN NEA/ARN TO INFORM THEM OF HIS SUBSEQUENT ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

2. IF CONVENIENT FOR ARN AND IF KABBANI CALLS TO INFORM OF HIS ARRIVAL, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED GESTURE IF KABBANI WERE MET. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO TROUBLE ANYONE, SO I LEAVE THIS TO ARN'S DISCRETION.

3. KABBANI ALSO INFORMED ME THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO WASHINGTON BY HANI HABIB, WHO IS PRESENTLY MEMBER OF SYRIAN UN MISSION BUT WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THIRD SECRETARY AT SYRIAN INTERESTS SECTION. KABBANI ADDED THAT IN ANOTHER MONTH OR SO ABD AL-KARIM SABBAGH, PRESENTLY ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S STAFF, WILL BE JOINING STAFF AS SECOND SECRETARY. KABBANI SAID THAT WHILE HE EXPECTS TO OCCUPY FOR FEW DAYS OFFICE SPACE IN PAKISTAN CHANCERY HE PLANS LOOK FOR SEPARATE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE. HE ASKED FOR IDEAS. I SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO LOCATE HIS OFFICE IN BUILDING REASONABLY CLOSE TO WHITE HOUSE

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AND STATE DEPT WHILE RENTING APT IN VIRGINIA AREA OR HOUSE, IF

HE SO DECIDES, EITHER IN MARYLAND OR VIRGINIA. IN ANY EVENT,
I ASSURED HIM ARN WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. MR. KABBANI'S FAMILY WILL NOT BE COMING WITH HIM UNTIL
JUNE. IN THIS REGARD, HE ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF ADVICE AND
ASSISTANCE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIS DAUGHTER. I TOLD
HIM TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH ARN.
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